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1. (previously amended) A communication network, comprising:
a client device generating and transmitting a request for information; and
a server device generating and transmitting for the client device a response to the request, wherein a location token requesting location information corresponding to the client device is transmitted between the client device and the server device.
2. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 1, wherein the location information is populated within the location token as it is communicated through the network.
3. (original) The communication network of claim 2, wherein the location token includes signature codes corresponding to location information inserted within the location token.
4. (currently amended) The communication network of claim 12, wherein the location information is incrementally inserted by one or more intermediaries.
5. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 4, the intermediaries including a first intermediary and a second intermediary, wherein a plurality of intermediaries other than the first and the second intermediary are between the first and the second intermediary, and wherein the location information is inserted as the token is communicated through the network in both directions between the first intermediary and the second intermediary by one or more of the plurality of intermediaries.
6. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 1, further comprising a location command requesting the location information, the location command positioned within the location token, wherein the location information is inserted within the location token by one or more intermediaries in response to the location command.

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a client device generating and transmitting a request for information; and

an other device generating a first response to the request, the first response including a first location token requesting location information corresponding to the other-client device; and

an intermediary between the client device and the other device, wherein the first response is transmitted between the client device and the other device through the intermediary.

8. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 7, wherein the first location token includes a first location command requesting insertion of location information within the location token by at least one of the client device and the intermediary.

9. (currently amended) The communication network of claim 8, wherein the client device generates a second location token including location information available to the client device in response to the first location command, the second location token including a second location command requesting insertion of location information within the second location token, and wherein the intermediary inserts location information available to the intermediary in response to the second location command, and the other device generates and transmits a second response to the client device through the intermediary, the second response including the location information inserted within the second location token by the first-client device and the intermediary.

10. (original) The communication network of claim 9, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token

11. (original) The communication network of claim 9, wherein the first and the second location token include signature codes corresponding to the intermediary inserting location information.

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12. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 9, wherein the other device inserts location information available to the other device within the second response.
13. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 9, wherein the other device inserts location information available to the other device within the first response.
14. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 8, wherein, in response to the first location command, the intermediary inserts location information available to the intermediary within the first location token and the client device generates a second location token, including the location information inserted by the intermediary and location information available to the client device, and wherein the other device generates and transmits a second response to the client device through the intermediary, the second response including the location information inserted within the updated location token.
15. (original) The communication network of claim 14, wherein the first and the second location token include signature codes corresponding to the intermediary inserting location information.
16. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 14, wherein the other device inserts location information available to the other device within the second response.
17. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 14, wherein the other device inserts location information available to the other device within the first response.
18. (original) The communication network of claim 14, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token.
19. (currently amended) A communication network, comprising:

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a client device generating and transmitting a request for information, the request including first location token requesting location information corresponding to the client device;

an other device generating a response to the request, the response including a second location token; and

a intermediary, between the client device and the other device, transmitting the request and the response between the ~~first-client device~~ and the other device, wherein the client device includes location information available to the client device within the first location token, and the other device includes location information previously inserted within the first location token in the second location token.

20. (original) The communication network of claim 19, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token.

21. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 19, wherein the intermediary inserts location information within second location token as the response is transmitted from the other device to the client device.

22. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 19, wherein the other device inserts location information available to the other device within the second location token.

23. (previously amended) The communication network of claim 19, wherein the intermediary inserts location information within the first location token responsive to the request being transmitted from the client device to the other device.

24. (original) The communication network of claim 19, wherein the first and the second location token include signature codes corresponding to the intermediary inserting location information.

25. (currently amended) A method for transferring and collecting location information in a communication network, comprising the steps of:

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generating a request for information at a client device;
transmitting the request to an other device through an intermediary;
generating a response to the request for information; and
transmitting a first location token between the client device, the other device
and ~~third-the~~ intermediary requesting insertion of location information corresponding
to the client device.

26. (original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of inserting
signature codes identifying the intermediary inserting the location information.

27. (previously amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the first
location token is transmitted within the response and includes a location command
requesting insertion of the location information by the client device, the method further
comprising the steps of:

transmitting the response to the client device through the intermediary;
generating a second location token in response to the location command, the
second location token including location information available to the client device and
a second location command requesting insertion of location information within updated
location token;

transmitting the second location token from the client device to a intermediary;
inserting location information available to the intermediary within the second
location token and transmitting the second location token from the intermediary to the
other device; and

generating an updated response to the request for information using the
location information inserted by the client device and the intermediary and transmitting
the updated response to the client device through the intermediary.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein the second location token is
an update of the first location token.

29. (previously amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the first
location token is transmitted within the response and includes a location command

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requesting insertion of the location information by the client device and the intermediary, the method further comprising the steps of:

transmitting the response to the intermediary;

inserting location information available to the intermediary within the first location token and transmitting the response from the intermediary to the client device;

generating an updated request including a second location token including location information inserted by the intermediary along with location information available to the client device;

transmitting the updated request from the client device to the other device through the intermediary; and

generating an updated response to the request for information using the location information inserted by the client device and the intermediary within the second location token and transmitting the updated response to the client device through the intermediary.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token.

31. (previously amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the first location token is transmitted within the request, along with location information available to the client device, the method further comprising the steps of:

generating a second location token to be included in the response, the second location token including location information inserted by the client device and location information available to the other device, along with a location command requesting the intermediary to insert location information within the second location token;

transmitting the response to the intermediary; and

inserting location information available to the intermediary within the second location token and transmitting the response from the intermediary to the client device.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token.

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33. (previously amended) The method of claim 25, wherein the first location token is transmitted within the request and includes a location command requesting insertion of the location information by the other device and the intermediary, along with location information available to the client device, the method further comprising the steps of:

transmitting the request to the intermediary;

inserting location information available to the intermediary within the first location token and transmitting the request from the intermediary to the other device;

generating a second location token to be included in the response, the second location token including location information inserted by the client device and the other intermediary and location information available to the other device; and transmitting the response to the client device through the intermediary.

34. (original) The method of claim 33, wherein the second location token is an update of the first location token.